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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF NEW ANDEAN PACT PROTOCOL SIGNING

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1. SUMMARY: THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION MEMBERS LEFT EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THEIR WORK. THE COMMITTEE OF TECHNICIANS WHICH IS TO WORK OUT A SEPARATE ARRANGEMENT FOR CHILE WILL HAVE ONLY TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE ITS TASK. END SUMMARY

2. OCTOBER 7 PRESS CARRIES A SERIES OF POSITIVE DEPARTURE STATEMENTS MADE BY THE ANDEAN PACT COMMISSION MEMBERS AS THEY LEFT FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES. COMMON THEME WAS EXPRESSION OF SATISFACTION THAT THE LONG PERIOD OF PARALYSIS WAS OVER AND THE PACT COULD NOW ENTER A MORE ACTIVE AND VIGOROUS STAGE. EVEN CHILEAN MINISTER OF
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DE CASTRO WAS REPORTED TO HAVE

SAID THE RECENT MEETING WAS ONE OF THE BEST BECAUSE IT HAD RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT WHICH MADE IT POSSIBLE TO ALLEVIATE RECENTLY ACCUMULATED TENSIONS. IN A PRESS STATEMENT HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THIS WEEK'S EFFORTS CHILE "WILL NOT BE AN OBSTACLE TO ANY ORIENTATION THAT THE FIVE MEMBERS MAY WISH TO GIVE THE ANDEAN PACT."

3. THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CALLED FOR BY THE NEW PROTOCOL (WHICH IS TO SEEK A SPECIAL REGIME TO ALLOW CHILE TO CONTINUE IN THE PACT WITHOUT BEING A FULL MEMBER) IS TO BEGIN ITS WORK OCTOBER 13, AND WILL HAVE TO BE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE TO MEET THE OCTOBER 30 DEADLINE. THEY HAVE IN FACT TWO WEEKS OR SO TO COMPLETE THEIR TASK.

4. LIMITED CONTACTS TO DATE INDICATE THAT THERE IS FEELING IN THE GOP THAT CHILE INTENDS TO REMAIN AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE PACT, AFTER EXTRACTING FROM THE OTHER FIVE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE FREEDOM TO MAKE THEIR OWN RULES AS THE PRICE OF CONTINUED CHILEAN ASSOCIATION. THIS LINE OF ARGUMENT IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT CHILE REQUESTED THE EXTRA 24 DAYS TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION. IF CHILE PLANNED SIMPLY TO DROP OUT, THEN THERE WAS NO REASON FOR THE CHILEAN DELEGATION NOT TO MAKE ITS DENUNCIATION AT THE JUST-CONCLUDED SESSIONS.

5. WHATEVER THE VALIDITY OF THIS THESIS IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE MEETING (WHICH WAS NOT OFFICIALLY A COMMISSION SESSION, BUT A MEETING OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES) BROKE UP WITH FAR LESS ACRIMONY AND MORE SURFACE CORDIALITY THAN HAS BEEN EVIDENT IN RECENT MONTHS. (FYI: A SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS ASSERTED TO EMBOFFS THAT IT WAS PERU IN FACT WHICH URGED THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS OVER STRONG OBJECTIONS TO AGREE TO THE ADDITIONAL GRACE PERIOD FOR CHILE.)
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